

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on Page 2, lines 4 - 12 with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

-- The constant barrage of links encountered while navigating the Web makes it difficult for users to remember and maintain the small subset of links they actually need to use. URLs (Uniform Resource Locators) and page titles, used to locate and describe web pages, typically provide little helpful information about the page content and context, and tend to be difficult to remember. So, when the time comes to find and use specific information on the Web, users often find themselves "surfing" for information when they actually want to be doing productive work with that information. Furthermore, if a user manages to remember or locate the home page of the site containing the specific information, after reaching the initial page they will often have to click, search, and drill down into the site trying to reach their goal. --

Please replace the paragraph on Page 6, lines 6 - 17 with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

-- The previewer 100 in Fig. 1 is designed to resemble a window frame, although it will be obvious that many alternative shapes and forms could be used for delivering the function of the present invention without deviating from the inventive concepts disclosed herein. Thus, descriptions herein which refer to use of this window frame shape are for purposes of illustration and not of limitation. In preferred embodiments, the previewer may include a virtual link or file sensor 110 at one corner, and can be dragged from all four edges 120, 121, 122, 123 and, if desired, can be resized by dragging on any of the enclosed corners 130, 131, 132. The virtual

magnifier 110 functions as a hotspot for detecting URL links (or file names or icons), and preferably contains a visual crosshair for signifying the hotspot to users. The previewer 100 is preferably designed to appear as a translucent window with a gray background 140 (or other plain-colored background), much like a pane of tinted window glass. Thus, the user can effectively see through the graphic image to position it over links and desktop ~~[[files]]~~ file names or file icons. --

Please replace the paragraph that begins on Page 12, line 16 and carries over to Page 13, line 1 with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

-- While the preferred embodiments of the present invention have been described, additional variations and modifications in those embodiments may occur to those skilled in the art once they learn of the basic inventive concepts. Therefore, it is intended that the appended claims shall be construed to include both the preferred ~~embodiment~~ embodiments and all such variations and modifications as fall within the spirit and scope of the invention. --